DR. H. PARAMESWARAN ; (*a*) 48,000 approximately.

(*b*) 11,05,92,000 yards approximately.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The following steps have been taken :—

1. Technical advice is given free.
2. Instruction is imparted in up to date methods of weaving, use of modern designs, etc.
3. Industrial loans are granted for purchase of looms yarn, etc.
4. Instruction is given by the Itinerant Weaving Party at various centres.
5. Grants-in-aid are awarded to Weaving Schools.

Bribery and corruption among officials.

562 *MR. P. M. VARGHESE : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the latest measures adopted by them to prevent bribery and corruption among officials are proved effective ;

(*b*) whether any case of delinquency has been discovered by the new measures ; and

(*c*) if so, how many ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Government have recently re-issued compulsory rules for the conduct of Government servants. They have taken action against delinquents whenever the charges against them have been proved.

No statistics have been maintained as to the action taken.

Candidates for Overseas Studies.

563 *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of candidates selected by the Government for special studies in overseas countries in connection with the post-war reconstruction scheme ;

(*b*) who selected them ;

(*c*) how many of them have left India ;

(*d*) how many of them are going to England ;

(*e*) how many to America ;

(*f*) who is to meet their expenses ;

(*g*) the amount earmarked by Government for the expenses of such selected candidates ;

(*h*) whether any of them has returned to Travancore after training in overseas countries ; and

(*i*) whether they are to be employed in the Government service after their return to Travancore ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 27.

(*b*) Various Boards were appointed to select panels of candidates for training in different subjects. Government made the selection from the panels selected by the Board.

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(*c*) 8
(*d*) 10
(*e*) 17
(*f*) Government.
(*g*) Rs. 14,000 approximately for each candidate.
(*h*) No.
(*i*) Some of them are already employed in Government service; about the others there is no undertaking that they will be employed by Government, but they have entered into an agreement with Government that they will refund to Government on demand all moneys paid to them, if they refuse to serve Government, if required to do so, or to take up other employment indicated by Government for a minimum period of 5 years.

Vocational Bias Schools.

564 * **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of vocational bias schools in the State;
(*b*) the number of such schools under the direct control of the Government;
(*c*) the number under private managements; and
(*d*) the number at present receiving grants from Government?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 2.
(*b*) None.
(*c*) 2.
(*d*) 2.

Medical inspection of schools.

565 * **MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state in respect of Kartikapally, Ambalapuzha, Shertalai and Vaikom for 1119:

(*a*) the number of schools visited by medical inspectors;
(*b*) the number of pupils examined;
(*c*) the number of pupils who gave statements of having no midday meals;
(*d*) the number found defective;
(*e*) the number suffering from malnutrition;
(*f*) the number suffering from diseases of eye;
(*g*) the number suffering from defective teeth and gums;
(*h*) the number suffering from diseases of skin; and
(*i*) the number suffering from hookworm?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) None; the medical inspection has been held in abeyance from Makaram 1118 and it has not been resumed since.

(*b*) to (*i*) these do not arise in view of the answer to part (a) above.

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